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To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chair
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From: 
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**A PLAN TO FULLY REOPEN PITCHESS DETENTION CENTER SOUTH FACILITY
(ITEM 11, AGENDA OF JUNE 18, 2007)**

On June 18, 2007, your Board instructed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), in conjunction with the Sheriff, provide a written report by June 28, 2007, with a full review and recommendations on reopening the entire Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) South Facility.

The CAO and the Sheriff's Department have reviewed and considered all potential options; however, we continue to disagree about the number of beds available at the facility and thus funding required to fully reopen PDC South. Therefore, at this time, minimal progress has been made on funding additional beds to fully reopen PDC South.

The Department estimates that an additional \$8.5 million and 55.0 positions are needed to reopen PDC South and provide a bed count of 1,536. The Department has tentatively agreed to transfer \$4.1 million of the additional funding needed from their Inmate Welfare Fund; however, it is the Department's position that an additional \$4.4 million is still needed to meet the goal of reopening all available beds at the facility. The Department's request is based on the following:

Los Angeles Sheriff's Department PDC South Bed Count			
Compound	Bed Count	Positions	Amount
E	252	-	-
H	240	-	-
K	270	-	-
B	252	53.0	\$7.2 million (PFU)
Total Open Beds	1,014		
M	270	26.0	\$4.4 million
A	252	29.0	\$4.1 million
Pending Beds	522	55.0	\$8.5 million
Total Bed Count	1,536		

Based on our documentation, PDC South had at a minimum 1,203 to a maximum of 1,296 inmate beds available to house inmates and according to the Department's Inmate Count Worksheets for the month of January, on average, 1,173 inmates were being housed at the facility. Until we are able to resolve the bed count discrepancy and the Department determines PDC South's impact on "early releases" and the Inmate Reception Center, we are unable to make a recommendation on additional funding needed to fully reopen PDC South at this time.

In the interim, the CAO recommends that the Department reopen the facility with an available bed count of 1,332, by transferring from the Inmate Welfare Fund the required \$4.1 million for the 29.0 positions needed to accomplish this goal. This will restore an additional 252 beds at the facility. A bed count of 1,332 is based on the following:

PDC South Bed Count	
Custody Master Plan	234
Men Central Jail Inmate Reduction	594
Provisional Financing Uses (PFU)	252
Inmate Welfare Fund	252
Total Bed Count	1,332

We will continue to work with the Department to resolve this issue and will come back with a recommendation in our September 6, 2007 report to the Board. If you have any questions or require further information please contact Doyle Campbell at 213.893.3274.

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